

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-264-C - ORDER NO. 96-742  
OCTOBER 28, 1996

IN RE: Application for Approval of Interconnection ) ORDER  
Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunica- ) APPROVING  
tions, Inc. and American Communications ) AGREEMENT  
Services, Inc. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"). Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), BellSouth and American Communications Services, Inc. ("ACSI") submitted to this Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks and the unbundling of specific network elements by BellSouth. The agreement is not complete for all network elements, however. The parties were unable to reach an agreement on the price of a number of the unbundled elements offered by BellSouth, and therefore, the parties therefore have submitted those issues to us for arbitration.

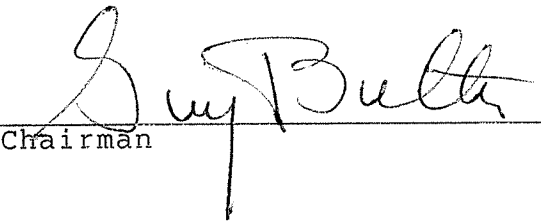
The Commission has examined this agreement and finds that it is consistent with the standards of Section 252(a)(1) and (e) of the Act. Therefore, we approved the agreement as filed since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that

the terms of this interconnection agreement are not to be considered a precedential standard for other agreements; this agreement is not binding on any other carrier.

We further hold that the issues outstanding in this matter which are not resolved by this agreement shall be arbitrated by this Commission unless the parties reach an agreement prior to arbitration by the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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